IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-11598 WGY

CITY OF BOSTON, et al.,

Defendants,

STATEMENT OF DEFENDANT BOSTON CITY COUNCILORS ARROYO, HENNIGAN, TURNER AND YANCEY IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED PLAINTIFF-INTERVENORS **MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Defendant Boston City Councilors Arroyo, Hennigan, Turner and Yancey, hereby state that they support the Motion to Intervene of the Chinese Progressive Association, Chinatown Residents Association, City Life/Vida Urbana, Siu Tsang, Fung Yang, Yan Hui and Maria Altreche (collectively, the Proposed Plaintiff-Intervenors).

The above Defendants support the intervention of the Proposed Plaintiff-Intervenors for the purpose of monitoring the Memorandum of Agreement and Settlement (the "Settlement") and ensuring the effective implementation of the relief set forth in the Settlement. Defendants further support the proposed revisions to the Settlement offered by Intervenors. The Proposed Plaintiff- Intervenors bring the perspective of community-based voter advocacy organizations and limited-English proficient voters to the case, and have a clear interest in enforcing the terms of the Settlement.

No harm to any of the parties will result if the Motion To Intervene is allowed, and permitting the Intervention will enable the parties whose voting rights are at stake to have a direct role in enforcing their rights.

Respectfully Submitted,

Boston City Councilors Arroyo, Hennigan, Turner and Yancey

By their attorney,

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